Frequently Asked Questions about Veterinary Licensing

Q. When does my license expire? I did not get a renewal notice.

A. All licenses will expire December 31st of every even numbered year. Renewal notices are mailed out in November of every even numbered year. Please be sure the Board office has your correct address on file.

Q. I need to report a change of address. May I give it to you over the phone or does it need to be in writing? A. Statutorily, all changes, whether home or work, are required to be in writing within 20 days of change. Please use the Change of Address Form, it can be sent by regular mail or faxed. To send an email, go to "Contact Us" to notify the Board of your change.

Q. What does the Arizona State Veterinary Exam consist of?

A. The Arizona State Veterinary Exam is a written, multiple choice examination, which consists of questions pertaining to the Arizona Revised Statutes and Administrative Rules as well as diseases and other hazards indigenous to the southwest.

Q. Do you provide study materials for the Veterinary State Examination?

A. Yes. We provide you with a copy Arizona Revised Statutes and Administrative Rules to assist you in preparing for the jurisprudence portion of the examination. No study materials are provided for the clinical portion.

Q. Can I practice veterinary medicine in Arizona prior to taking the Veterinary State Examination?

A. An applicant who meets the criteria for one of the licensing categories and wants to practice veterinary medicine while awaiting the next scheduled Veterinary State Examination may apply for a Temporary Permit.

Q. What is the deadline for a Temporary Permit?

A. An application must be received 30 days prior to the Veterinary State Examination. For example, if you need a Temporary Permit for September 1st, you would need to have your application complete 30 days prior to the exam and Temporary Permit documents to our office no later than one week prior to the Board meeting in August.

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